Circle	Number of cases
Madhya Pradesh	148869
Maharashtra	188766
North East-I	11360
North East-II	7460
Orissa	102882
Punjab	171582
Rajasthan	179797
Tamil Nadu	304358
Uttar Pradesh (East)	304836
Utter Pradesh (West)	178758
West Bengal	69140
Calcutta	228381
Chennai	11965
Chhattisgarh	26320
Uttaranchal	45904

Setting up of a Telecom Financing Corporation

†2636. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on the Tenth Plan has suggested that Government should consider setting up of a Telecom Financing Corporation to ensure cheaper financial assistance for the equipment manufacturers and operators;

(b) if so, whether the Group has also recommended a ten year tax holiday to the existing and new telecom equipment manufacturers;

(c) whether Government have considered the suggestions made in the Report; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)and (d) The Report of the Working Group which was appointed by the Planning Commission has been submitted to the Planning Commission and will be taken into account while formulating the Tenth Plan Document.

Shortage of Linemen in Mainpuri District

†2637. SHRI D.P. YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of official linemen in Mainpuri district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the general public have to suffer as a result of the shortage of linemen to mend the telephones;

(d) whether Government are considering to depute more linemen in the district; and

(e) the other steps Government have taken to resolve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Due to restructuring scheme, the cadre of Linemen has been converted into Telecom Mechanics cadre. There is shortage of Telecom Mechanics in Mainpuri SSA.

(b) The sanctioned and the working strength of Telecom Mechanics in Mainpuri SSA is as under:

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